

## CD NO.

SUBJECT Soviet Activity in Ports of  
Vlone and Durres

PLACE  
ACQUIRED

DATE OF INFO. FILED

DATE DISTR. 26 APR 50

NO. OF PAGES 2

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW):

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

50X1-HUM

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT OF U.S.C., 91 AND 92, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. On 31 January, 1950, there was great activity in the port of Vlone, while moving a large electrical generator, weighing between 25 and 28 tons, from Vlone to the island of Saseno. On Saseno, an intense effort to strengthen the fortifications has been made by the Soviet military advisers and technicians, who are currently endeavoring to rush the completion of the work. Also on 31 January, a group of Soviet officers led by a tall, stout major attended by Albanian officers, boarded a small tugboat which promptly sailed for the newly reconstructed small port on the east side of Saseno.
2. The supervision of Albanian military, industrial, and administrative activity is largely in the hands of the Soviets. In addition, it is reported [redacted] that a great number of satellite government representatives are currently operating in Albania, the majority of whom are Czechs and Hungarians.
3. From 5 to 15 February, in the port of Durrës, one Polish and four Soviet ships of heavy tonnage, names [redacted] unknown, discharged cargos of rods for reinforcing concrete, cement, large aircraft in sections, weapons, ammunition, telescope (a large powerful type of telescope for artillery observation), searchlights, field glasses, bales of cloth for uniforms, military type shoes and equipment, flour, cereals, canned goods, corn, new machinery and metal tools. On departing, these ships were loaded with cargos of chrome ore, bitumen tar, salted meat and unskinned hides.
4. Military fortifications are currently under construction along the coast from Cape Linguetta to Cape Pali, and numerous fortifications are being prepared on the mountains from Punta Samana to the mouth of the Drin River. These installations and other defenses further inland were inspected during the week of 1 February by an unidentified Soviet colonel. Military installations (type unidentified) are under construction in the bay of Vlone, as well as the port of Sarande.

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION		<del>SECRET</del> /CONTROL		U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY	
STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB		DISTRIBUTION	
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI			

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2008

Document No. **World**  
 No Change in Class.  
☒ Declassified  
 Class. Changed To: TS S C  
 Auth.: NR 70-2  
 Date: 10/1/98

50X1-HUM

~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 2 -

[ ] 50X1-HUM

Defensive positions are being repaired and enlarged along the Yugoslav frontier, and others are under construction along the frontier from Korce to the sea at Cape Kephali.

[ ] 50X1-HUM

5. On the Berat plain and in the vicinity of [ ] work currently is being speeded up on an unspecified number of military airports in order to prepare them for use as soon as possible.

50X1-HUM

6. Soviet mining specialists and technicians are in charge of all mines operating in Albania. Special emphasis is placed on mines producing chrome ore. Efforts to increase mineral production have been highlighted by recent and current mineral exploration and survey parties which are seeking new deposits of minerals throughout Albania in general, but concentrating intensely in the area between Elbasan and the Tomor Mountains to Lake Ohrid.

~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY